

INSECTS OF SAMOA

PART IV. FASC. 3

THROSCIDAE

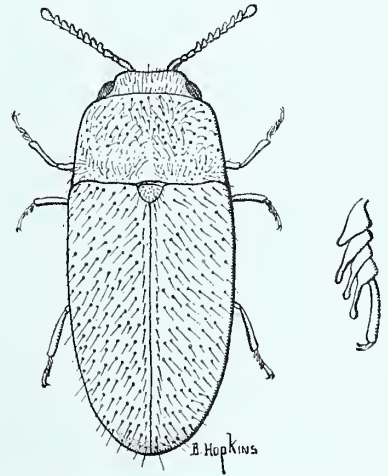
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(With 1 Text-figure.)

1. *Drapetes samoensis*, sp. n.

Elongate elliptical, black, nitid, rather sparsely punctate and setose.

Head rather narrower than anterior margin of prothorax; antennae with basal joint elongate, curved, testaceous; second and third joints small; fourth to tenth joints strongly produced on inner side; last joint subpyriform. Thorax slightly wider than long, widest at base, thence somewhat sinuately narrowed to apex; anterior angles rounded, deflexed, moderately prominent, tinged with flavous in some examples; posterior angles not carinate, acute, backwardly projecting, closely applied to shoulders of elytra, lateral margin concealed from above by lateral convexity of disc; base biemarginate with a smaller median emargination before scutellum; disc strongly but sparsely punctured anteriorly, basal quarter slightly depressed and more finely and closely punctured, leaving a narrow median elevated area devoid of punctures; each puncture giving rise to a long, curved, cinereous hair, these hairs directed towards middle line on anterior portion of disc, directed obliquely forwards and inwards on inner part of basal depressed area, and forwards and



TEXT-FIG. 1.—*Drapetes samoensis*
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outwards near posterior angles. Scutellum rather large, subcircular, finely and closely punctate, with pubescence sloping backwards. Elytra widest at shoulders, gradually narrowed posteriorly, with the apices broadly rounded ; disc punctured much as fore part of thorax, a regular row of backwardly directed setae on either side of suture, leaving a narrow sutural space devoid of setae ; remainder of pubescence directed obliquely backwards and outwards.

Length, 4 mm.

Upolu : Vailima, i., ix.1925 ; Malololelei, iv.1924 ; vii.1925 (6 examples).

Allied to *D. jansoni* Bonv., of which the type locality is Batchian, though it has also been found in Borneo, Singapore, and the Philippine Islands. The latter species, however, has the antennae entirely black, the thorax more sharply narrowed and more coarsely punctate, the punctures being larger at the base than towards the apex, and the pubescence of both thorax and elytra differently disposed.

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